

**ELKHART COUNTY, IN**

Information based on Congressional Districts of the 106th U.S. Congress, 1997

	1997	1992	1987
<b>Farms</b>			
Number	1,335	1,447	1,556
Acreage	182,771	192,311	204,547
Average size (acres)	137	133	131
Median size (acres)	60	N	N
<b>Estimated market value average per farm</b>			
Land/buildings (dollars)	376,179	274,829	207,376
Machinery/equip (dollars)	47,851	40,050	34,109
<b>Cropland (acres)</b>			
Total	160,160	166,285	178,684
Harvested	143,324	148,216	146,542
Irrigated	23,524	20,830	19,866
<b>Agricultural products sold - market value</b>			
(\$1,000)	124,038	96,859	86,172
(dollars avg. per farm)	92,912	66,938	55,381
<b>Agricultural sales - Net cash return per farm</b>			
(dollars average)	18,193	12,738	12,152
<b>Livestock inventory (number)</b>			
Cattle and calves	42,719	45,988	44,210
Beef cows	1,932	1,430	1,713
Milk cows	18,297	17,476	17,219
Hogs and pigs	73,951	75,212	60,226
Sheep and lambs	889	1,446	1,767
Layers 13 wks or/older	D	252,392	471,038
Broilers and chicken (sold)	3,005,354	1,595,332	921,397
<b>Harvested commodities (acres)</b>			
Corn, grain or seed	64,955	66,867	65,860
Corn, silage or green chop	10,826	9,527	8,087
Sorghum, grain or seed	N	N	N
Wheat	3,861	5,062	6,952
Barley	N	N	N
Oats	826	1,426	3,624
Rice	N	N	N
Sunflower seed	N	N	N
Cotton	N	N	N
Tobacco	N	N	N
Soybeans	42,251	44,749	39,600
Dry edible beans, excl limas	N	N	N
Potatoes, excl sweetpotatoes	N	N	N
Sugar beets for sugar	N	N	N
Sugarcane for sugar	N	N	N
Peanuts for nuts	N	N	N
Hay-alfalfa	22,047	21,804	25,244
<b>Vegetables</b>			
Number of farms	62	56	39
Acreage	1,338	1,034	477

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**Orchards**

Number of farms	N	N	N
Acreage	N	N	N

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**Abbreviations/footnotes:**

- N represents zero.
  - 0 represents an insignificant amount.
  - D-Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual farms.
- Source: USDA, NASS, 1997 Census of Agriculture